THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NAH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of North Karnapura Super Thermal Power Project in Bihar

954. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar is one of the most power starved States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Bihar is ready to provide land and other pre-requisites for setting up of North Karnapura Super Thermal Power Project at Hazaribag; and

(c) if so, by what time Government plans to implement the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NAH RAI): (a) During April-July, 1991, Bihar faced an energy shortage of 31.9 per cent as against average shortage of 16.9 in the Eastern Region.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The project will require investment approval after issues like water availability, funds, environmental clearance, concurrence of Damodar Valley Corporation etc., are settled.

Airport at Jabalpur

955. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to get an airport constructed at Jabalpur which is of immense importance because of army installation, Ordnance factories and tourist attractions like Kanha National Park and Bhaire Ghat Marble Rocks; and

(b) what steps are propose to be taken to connect Jabalpur by air pending the construction of airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Airports Authority has an airport at Jabalpur. Upgradation of the airport for Boeing 737 operations has not been possible because of the proximity of Ordnance Depot and Ammunition Factory of the Ministry of Defence.

(b) The runway at Jabalpur airport is not adequate for operation of Boeing 737 aircraft. Indian Airlines cannot operate to the existing airport at Jabalpur with the type of aircraft presently in its fleet. For commercial and operation reasons, Vayudoot also is not in a position to operate to Jabalpur at the present moment.

Air services in Madhya Pradesh

956. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has requested the Central Government for re-introducing certain air services in the State; and

(b) if so, what steps are the Central Government taking to connect those eleven places by air which are mentioned in the Chief Minister's aforementioned letter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. There is no proposal to extend the services of Vayudoot at the present moment.

Promotions in ITDC Hotels

957. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some General Managers of ITDC hotels have been given multiple promotions within a period of 45 years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) During the last five years (Jan. 86 onwards), no General Manager of ITDC hotels has been given multiple promotion.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the business of ITDC Hotels

958. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC and Radisson Hotels International U.S.A. agreement has increased the volume of busness here; and

(b) if so, the rate of commission payable to Radisson Hotels International by ITDC and other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per terms of agreement, ITDC has to pay US $600 as bookings fee for every materialise hotel reservation on reciprocal basis. On bookings through travel agents, 10 per cent commission is also payable.

ITDC hotel rooms under officers occupation

959. SHRMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the circumstances and conditions under which officers of ITDC can reside in ITDC hotel rooms;

(b) the number of officers residing in ITDC hotels and whether they are eligible for H.R.A. or not;

(c) whether Government propose to stop this practice; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Keeping in view its operational needs and business interests, ITDC provides accommodation, wherever necessary, to the officers in the hotels.

(b) 19 officers of ITDC are presently residing in its hotels. These officers are not eligible for HRA.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, wherever possible, ITDC aims at constructing residenting accommodation within the hotel complex if surplus land is available.

Ashok Airport Hotel Restaurant

960. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Ashok Airport Hotel Restaurant, Indira Gandhi International Airport Terminal-II is making provident fund deductions from the